

## About This Guide

The information contained in this guide provides fishing regulations that pertain only to the taking of trout and salmon from inland waters, and is not a comprehensive guide for all fishing regulations. **These regulations are in effect from April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006.** Fishing regulations for other species taken from inland waters, and for trout and salmon taken from the Great Lakes can be found in the 2005 Michigan Fishing Guide or online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

## Gear Restrictions

On all streams (including tributaries to the Great Lakes) during the time period August 1-May 31, it shall be unlawful to use multi-pointed hooks exceeding 3/8 inch between point and shank and/or single-pointed hooks exceeding 1/2 inch between point and shank. Also, during this time period, it shall be unlawful to use lures exceeding one (1) ounce. The Detroit River, St. Marys River and St. Clair River are exempt from these restrictions.

## Description of Inland Waters

Inland waters are all waters within the jurisdiction of the state except Lakes Michigan, Superior, Huron and Erie, and the bays and connecting waters. The connecting waters between Lake Superior and Lake Huron include that portion of the St. Marys River located within this state. The connecting waters of Lake Huron and Lake Erie include the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River, extending from Fort Gratiot Light in Lake Huron to a point in the lower Detroit River where an imaginary line, extended due east from shore, crosses the river at the most southerly part of Celeron Island. Inland waters also include all inland lakes, streams and tributaries to the Great Lakes.

## Definitions

**Artificial Lure:** Any lure or fly manufactured in imitation of, or as a substitute for, natural bait.

**Artificial Fly:** Any commonly accepted single hook wet or dry fly, streamer or nymph, without spinner, spoon, scoop or any other fishing lure or bait attached. The fly or leader may be weighted, but no weight shall be attached to the fly or terminal tackle in a manner that allows the weight to be suspended from or below the hook.

**Catch and Release:** Fish caught must be returned to the water immediately.

**Daily Limit:** Total number of fish that you are permitted to catch and keep in one day.

**Designated Trout Lake:** A lake so designated in which trout are the predominant game fish. (All Type A, all Type D, and certain Type B lakes are considered designated trout lakes. FO-200 lists the Designated Trout Lakes and is available upon request, or can be found online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).)

**Designated Trout Stream:** Any stream so designated which contains a significant population of trout or salmon. The publication, *Designated Trout Streams for the State of Michigan* (FO-210) is available upon request, or can be found online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

**Open Season:** The period of time during which it is legal to fish for a given species.

**Possession Limit:** Equal to the Daily Limit. Except a person may possess up to two (2) additional limits of coho, chinook or pink salmon taken during previous fishing days **provided** the additional limits are processed fish (canned, cured by smoking or drying, or frozen). Anglers who have not attained the age of 17 are entitled to the possession limit even though they do not have a fishing license. A person fishing waters bordered by other states or provinces AND possessing multiple fishing licenses may possess the limit allowed for ONLY ONE license while in transit, but while fishing in Michigan waters, must comply with Michigan possession and size limits.

**Possession Season:** That portion of the open season during which it is legal to harvest fish.

## All Species License

All-species fishing licenses are required of all anglers, 17 years old or older, to take and possess trout and salmon from any public waters. In addition, an all-species license is required of anglers fishing on the following waters:

- All trout lakes designated by the Department under FO-200 (All Type A, all Type D, and certain Type B lakes).
- All Type 5, 6 and 7 streams designated by the Department under FO-200.
- All waters of the Great Lakes when trout and/or salmon are the target species.
- All designated trout streams (FO-210) when trout and/or salmon are the target species.

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